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SUBJ: PRE-QUALIFICATION OF FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAJDEL-DAR
BECHTAR DAM

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1. MINISTRY OF HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRICAL RESOURCES INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING FIRMS WITH EXPERIENCE IN DAM CONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION WORKS. THOSE SELECTED WILL BE INVITED TO TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAJDEL-DAR BECHTAR DAM AND SUBSIDIARY STRUCTURES. THE DAM, WHICH IS PART OF KOURA-ZGHORTA IRRIGATION PROJECT (NORTH LEBANON), IS TO BE ROCK-FILL TYPE, HAVE A MAX HEIGHT OF 70 METERS AND A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 55 MIL CUBIC METERS. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS (ENGLISH COPY PRE-QUALIFICATION DOSSIER BEING AIR POUCHED TO USDOC/CAGNE) IS NOW SET FOR APR 30, 1975., BUT UNDERSTAND COULD BE POSTPONED TO ACCOMMODATE FIRMS SHOWING INTEREST IN COMPETING.

2. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO MINISTRY OF HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRICAL RESOURCES, DEPT OF HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRIC WORKS, CHIAH, LEBANON. GIVEN RECENT INTERRUPTIONS IN LOCAL MAIL DELIVERY, HOWEVER, SUGGEST COMPETING FIRMS SEND APPLICATION TO EMBASSY VIA DIP POUCH FOR FORWARDING TO MIN.

3. MIN SOURCE INFORMS US THAT PROJECT--EARMARKED BY
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COMPLETION OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF SOIL CONDIITIONS AND
WATER STORAGE CAPACITY. OUTSIDE GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS
INVITED TO REVIEW STUDY SOMETIME NEXT MONTH, AND BASED ON
THEIR FINDINGS DECISION WILL BE MADE ON START OF CON-
STRUCTION. MIN HOPEFUL OF STARTING BEFORE END 1975.

4. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, INTERESTED FIRMS MAY
CONTACT MR NABIH HAHAS, CHIEF ENGINEER, IRRIGATION
PROJECTS DEP, MIN OF HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRICAL
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